



# Quay County Government

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## Proclamation

WHEREAS the safety of New Mexico's citizens and the preservation of the life are paramount concerns for the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, our dedicated crash responders including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and tow truck operators selflessly and courageously respond to motor vehicle accidents often placing themselves in harm's way to protect and assist those in need; and

WHEREAS the safety of our crash responders is of utmost importance to the well-being of our communities, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that they return home safely to their loved one after every call of duty; and

WHEREAS we seek to raise awareness of Senate Bill 76, known as the Slow Down and Move Over law, in New Mexico, which was signed into law on April 6, 2017; and memorialized as "Bobby's Law" during the Second Session of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Legislature of the State of New Mexico in 2018; and

WHEREAS Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW), presents a valuable opportunity for both the State of New Mexico and its various first responder agencies to unite in a concerted endeavor to foster awareness within the public about crash responder safety and champion the implementation of effective traffic incident management strategies and comprehensive training programs for crash responders; and

WHEREAS during Crash Responder Safety Week, it is with great sorrow that we remember the tragic loss of Robert "Bobby" Unruh, a dedicated tow operator who tragically lost his life while aiding on our state highway and honor all other crash responders who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Lopez, Quay County Commission Chair, DO hereby proclaim the week, November 13-17, 2023, as:

## CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

We encourage all motorists be attentive to flashing lights, safety vehicles, and crash scenes on the roads by reducing speed, moving over to the far lane, or other precautions to keep America safe on the road.

Attested by:

  
Ellen White, County Clerk



  
Robert Lopez, Commissioner